

-CHRIST · CHURCH - LATER BUILT

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WRITTEN HISTORIC AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
District of Georgia

Historic American Buildings Survey  
Harold Bush-Brown, District Officer  
Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.

CHRIST CHURCH

Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia

Owner: Christ Episcopal Church.

Date of Erection: 1838.

Architect: James Hamilton Couper.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: One and basement.

Materials of Construction: Brick foundation stuccoed  
scored like stone, exterior walls brick stuccoed.

Other Existing Records: Records by P. Thornton Marye,  
District Officer, of HABS 1934. Georgia Landmarks, Memorials  
& Legends, by Knight.

Additional Data: "Mother Church" or Christ Episcopal Church  
founded 1733. First building erected 1750. The church has  
been destroyed several times by fire or hurricanes. The  
present building is the third edifice erected on this site.  
John Wesley founded the first Sunday School of the World here.

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CHRIST CHURCH  
Johnson Square  
Savannah  
Chatham County  
Georgia

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL NOTES:

The church is a good example of the Greek Revival temple type. It is built of brick, stuccoed, with high basement and Ionic portico, which faces Johnson Square. It was erected about 1838 from plans drawn by James Hamilton Couper, a wealthy and influential planter, and is the third edifice of Christ Church to occupy the site.

The Episcopal Church owns the building and keeps it in good condition. Mr. J. Randolph Anderson is the senior warden.

Source: Georgia Landmarks, Memorials and Legends, by L.L.Knight.

P. Thornton Marye  
District Officer, HABS

(Revised at HABS Headquarters,  
1936 by H.C.F.; original  
sheet in field notebook.)

CHRIST CHURCH  
Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia

SUPPLEMENT TO DATA SHEET

Additional Data: From photographs and information from Miss Edith D. Johnston, Savannah, Georgia.

The Red Brick Church was begun 1811 and finished 1815. Pronounced unsafe 1837 and pulled down. Rectors of Christ Church were: Edward Neufville 1827-51, Abram Beach Carter 1851-52, Stephen Elliot 1852-66, Charles Coley 1866-68, John M. Mitchell, D.D. 1868-73. The chancel shown in photograph was of the present building built about 1838-40, and was demolished during the rectorship of John M. Mitchell, D.D.

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DISTRICT OFFICER-HABS 1937

Addendum to  
Christ Church (Episcopal)  
28 Bull Street  
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STATE	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY
Georgia	Chatham	Savannah

HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME)	HABS NO.
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SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE

COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)

28 Bull Street

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)

SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)

STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)

SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE

INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)

MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES

Gutted by fire 1897, rebuilt with some interior changes the following year. Steps, originally a straight flight, changed before 1937. Chancel changed from apse type to square type sometime from circa 1870 to circa 1891.

PRESENT CONDITION AND USE

OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE

SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)

Linley, John. The Georgia Catalog, Historic American Buildings Survey. 1982.  
Located in Savannah National Register Historic District.

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